



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Harvey Dale DeFord et al.
Appl. No. : 09/973,844
Filed : October 9, 2001
For : COMPOSITE BUILDING
MATERIAL
Examiner : Kevin McDermott
Group Art Unit : 3635

RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed December 17, 2003, enclosed is a copy of the Request for Continued Exam (RCE) and Amendment filed on November 21, 2003. Also enclosed is a copy of the check submitted with the RCE to cover the filing fees.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter into record and consider the claims and arguments submitted in the Amendment. Should there be any impediments to the prompt allowance of this application that could be resolved through a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the number shown below.

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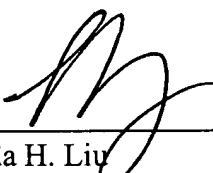
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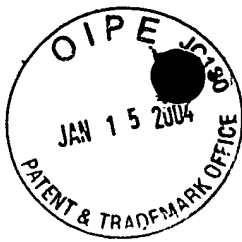
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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 21, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.